

**IC 12-30**

**ARTICLE 30. COUNTY HOMES AND OTHER  
COUNTY FACILITIES**

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Chapter 1. General Provisions Concerning County Homes

**IC 12-30-1-1**

**County board of commissioners; powers and duties**

Sec. 1. The board of commissioners of a county may do the following:

- (1) Purchase a tract of real property in the name of the county.
- (2) Build, establish, and organize a county home for the indigent on the tract of real property.
- (3) Employ a humane and responsible individual who resides in the county, upon the terms and under the restrictions the board of commissioners considers most advantageous to the interests of the county, to take charge of the county home as superintendent.

*As added by P.L.2-1992, SEC.24.*

**IC 12-30-1-2**

**Name of home**

Sec. 2. A county home shall be called the "\_\_\_\_\_ County Home". However, the board of commissioners may adopt another name for the county home.

*As added by P.L.2-1992, SEC.24.*

**IC 12-30-1-3**

**Joint action of boards of commissioners; powers**

Sec. 3. The boards of commissioners of at least two (2) counties may, by joint action, do the following:

- (1) Purchase a tract of real property.
- (2) Erect, organize, and operate a county home for the indigent of the counties on the real property.
- (3) Continue the joint ownership and operation of the county home as the boards of commissioners desire.
- (4) Do other things proper and necessary for the relief and comfort of the indigent within the counties forming the joint ownership that an individual county may do under this chapter.

*As added by P.L.2-1992, SEC.24.*

**IC 12-30-1-4**

**Property tax; assessment; limitation**

Sec. 4. To raise the amount necessary for the purchase of real property and the erection and furnishing of the buildings for county homes under this chapter, the board of commissioners of a county may assess a tax on property liable to be assessed for raising a county revenue. The assessment may not increase the rates at which the property is assessed by the laws existing when the tax is assessed by

more than twenty-five percent (25%).  
*As added by P.L.2-1992, SEC.24.*

#### **IC 12-30-1-5**

##### **Removal to home of permanent charges to county; employment and support; removal of permanent charges to townships**

Sec. 5. (a) A board of commissioners that has established a county home under this chapter:

(1) shall order that all indigent individuals who have become permanent charges on the county be removed to the county home; and

(2) may take the measures for the employment and support of the indigent as the board of commissioners considers advisable.

(b) After a county home is established and an order is issued under subsection (a), the township trustees as administrators of township assistance shall, as indigent individuals become permanent charges to their respective townships, have those individuals removed to the county home.

*As added by P.L.2-1992, SEC.24. Amended by P.L.73-2005, SEC.154.*

#### **IC 12-30-1-6**

##### **Discontinuance; sale or lease; contracts with other counties or institutions to provide care to indigent individuals**

Sec. 6. (a) A county home provided by a board of commissioners for the indigent may be discontinued in whole or in part by the board of commissioners, subject to the approval of the county fiscal body. The real and personal property that relates to a discontinued county home and that belongs to the county may be:

(1) sold, leased, or otherwise disposed of, in whole or in part, as real property of the county is sold; or

(2) applied in the manner that is best for the interest of the county and approved by the county fiscal body.

(b) If the county home of a county is discontinued under this section, the board of commissioners of the county may contract with the board of commissioners of the nearest other county that has available accommodations for the maintenance and care of the indigent individuals of the county in the county home of the other county.

(c) A board of commissioners that discontinues a county home under this section may contract with:

(1) a person or corporation that maintains within the county an institution for the care of indigent individuals; or

(2) another agency or private institution located in Indiana that has appropriate facilities and is willing to accept and provide care and maintenance for indigent individuals;

for the maintenance and care of the indigent of the county. The contract may include reasonable terms and conditions that are agreed upon by the board of commissioners and approved by the county fiscal body.

*As added by P.L.2-1992, SEC.24.*